

# FIRE STAMPEDES BIG CROWD IN SUBWAY

To-Night's Weather—LIGHT RAIN OR SNOW.

To-Morrow's Weather—RAIN OR SNOW, WARMER.

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## Block of Brewery Buildings Destroyed in Bronx Fire

### CITY TRACTION OPERATION AS TRIED IN DETROIT WARNS NEW YORK TO BE CAUTIOUS

**Trained Investigator for Evening World Finds It Has Provided Better Facilities, but Has Not Reduced Fares, Though the Municipal Experiment Is Not Yet Complete.**

**Great Danger Lies in Injection of Politics and Dishonesty—All Public Officials Not as Honest or Businesslike as Detroit's—First of a Series of Analytical Articles.**

New York City, with its complex transportation problems, including those of municipal ownership and municipal operation, will find in the experience of Detroit, which has been dealing with equally vexatious questions, much that will be helpful when the city comes to act finally upon its policy. With the idea solely of assisting the local and State authorities and of giving the New York public an unbiased analysis of the Detroit experiment, *The Evening World* has had a trained investigator in the Detroit field who has prepared a series of articles covering his findings. The first article follows:

By R. R. Batson.

(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 11.—When James Couzens, former partner of Henry Ford, later Mayor of Detroit and now United States Senator from Michigan, who gained his greatest fame as the manager of Detroit's municipally owned and operated railways, was in New York recently he dwelt at some length on the question of municipally owned and operated tractions, pointed out advantages to be gained therefrom and stated that in order to settle its traction muddle New York would have to adopt municipal ownership.

Municipal operation in Detroit has been in effect six months. It is still in the experimental stage. The experiment, as far as it has gone, has been conducted under the most favorable conditions. Yet a painstaking investigation into results thus far achieved, which has been strengthened by access to all pertinent records and official information, leads to the conclusion that New York should be extremely cautious in adopting the idea.

DETROIT TRACTION OFFICIALS SCRUPULOUSLY HONEST.

Detroit has had the advantage of having its municipally operated railways managed by a man who has been scrupulously careful not to permit the department to be tainted in the slightest degree by politics. Furthermore, literally every penny of disbursements has been closely watched. It has been a business administration that at last has won the outspoken praise of former Mayor Couzens's political opponents. For months they have vainly endeavored to uncover irregularities in even the slightest degree. But not even an insinuation of political or business irregularity has been made.

While results of municipal operation here during the last six months have not been what had been predicted and hoped for by its adherents.

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**The World First, as Usual**

Number of advertisements for week ending December 9th, 1922:

THE WORLD..... 31,251 ads.  
The Times..... 20,008 ads.  
The Herald..... 7,560 ads.  
The American..... 5,414 ads.  
The Tribune..... 2,638 ads.

THE WORLD'S LEAD..... 11,243 ads.

And The World printed 6,074 more advertisements than corresponded week last year.

### WILSON MAY LEAD REVOLT IN HIS PARTY BY PROGRESSIVES

**Break Among Democrats Is Believed to Be Near at Hand.**

TO RESUME CONTROL.

Record Shows Him Inclined to Move to Liberal Construction of Dry Law.

By David Lawrence.  
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Copyright).—Talk of a third party and "progressive" blocs has hitherto been confined to its effect on the Republican party and has been looked upon really as a revolt inside that party, but there is every reason to believe that the "progressive" movement will soon break out in the ranks of the Democratic party.

Woodrow Wilson's recent decision to take an active part in Democratic politics, or rather his rapid physical recuperation, which has enabled his physicians to permit him to dig into his correspondence and see callers, is significant of a change in the mood of the Democratic party during the recent outburst of the Republican "progressives" for a new deal in politics.

Mr. Wilson is not by any means the active man that he was when President. Probably he never will be. But he is physically stronger to-day than at any time since his collapse. He is capable of at least two hours of sustained work every day and he takes advantage of it to write many letters and to see people.

He has been seeing an average of one caller a day and some days have many more. Most of them have been old friends, but some have brought him information on the political state of affairs. Everyone has gone away with the impression that the mind of Woodrow Wilson is as alert to-day as it was when he was in the Presidency and that his reasoning powers are as keen as they were in the days of wartime chaos.

The former President naturally holds close to his heart the international situation, but he is much too good a political diagnostician to ignore the wave of sentiment on domestic affairs which made itself manifest in the primaries and the elections this year. The Democratic Party under his leadership prided itself on the name "progressive." Mr. Wilson won his nomination at Baltimore in 1912 because he was a "progressive" and because the Democrats felt that they too must offer a progressive to win.

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### EXTREME COLD WAVE WILL GRIP COUNTRY IN 36 TO 48 HOURS

**Below Zero Temperatures Already Reported in Canada and Northwest.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A cold wave of marked intensity will grip nearly the entire country within the next thirty-six to forty-eight hours, the Weather Bureau stated to-day in a special bulletin.

The Northwest and Canada now are experiencing an extreme cold wave, with the thermometer registering as low as 25 degrees below zero. Among the below zero readings are: Williston, N. D., 14; Helena, Mont., 16; Havre, Mont., 21; Calgary, Alta., 28; Edmonton, Alta., 26, and Northfield, Vt., 8.

### HYLAN AND THOMPSON FAIL TO HOLD PARLEY

**Mayor Coming Home To-Day Conference Probably Off.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Mayor John P. Hyland of New York, week-end in Chicago, spent yesterday resting and denied himself to visitors. His political conference with Mayor William Hale Thompson has failed to materialize. The New York Mayor leaves for home to-day, and it is probable the conference will not be held.

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### INSURGENTS USE BOMBS AND TORCH ON DUBLIN HOMES

**Irish Woman Senator's House Blown Up and Set On Fire.**

TWO CHILDREN HURT.

Ten Thousand Armed Republicans Arrayed Against Free State Government.

DUBLIN, Dec. 11 (Associated Press).—The opponents of the Irish Government resumed their reprisals against Free State officials last night. Attacks with bombs and gasoline were made on the residence of J. J. Walsh, Postmaster General, and others identified with the Government. The Walsh residence was not badly damaged, owing entirely to the quick work of the Fire Department.

A bomb thrown into the shop of the Irish Produce Company, owned by Mrs. Wynne Power, recently nominated by President Cosgrave as Senator, set it afire. The house of John McGarry, Dublin member of the Parliament, was fired, and his wife and two children were slightly burned. The residence of Postmaster Walsh's secretary, O'Heggarty, was raided by an armed band. Gasoline was sprinkled about the house and the floors and furniture set on fire.

Members of the Government virtually are besieged in their offices while their supporters carry their lives in their hands. The Government's action in executing just stated, and in reprisal, or the recent looting of Sean Hailes is only one striking evidence of how hard pressed Free State leaders actually are in their present situation.

Ten thousand republicans now are in Irish prisons. The Minister for Home Affairs last night stated that there are more men arrayed against the ruling authorities in or out of prison than there are in the country. The Republic of Ireland during the regime of the Black and Tans. Railroad communications have been destroyed in many areas. The collection of taxes is being interfered with and life and property everywhere have become insecure.

In the provinces things appear no better than in Dublin. Skirmishes constantly are taking place throughout the country, with every now and then a large-scale engagement such as those of Cork and Kerry last week. The National forces are busy in various areas rounding up the rebels, but it is proving slow work.

### GEN. HALE'S BODY HOME, PUBLIC FUNERAL TO-DAY

**Mayor of Limerick Arrived To-Day by Free State Troops.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 11 (United Press).—The body of Gen. Hales, "late Deputy, who was assassinated by Republicans last week upon leaving his hotel for the first meeting of the Irish Parliament, arrived in Cork Sunday. It was his death which led to the execution of Rory O'Connor and others.

A military procession accompanied the dead General to the Cathedral, where a requiem mass was held. The public funeral was to take place at his home town of Brandon to-day.

The Free State authorities today arrested Stephen O'Mara, Mayor of Limerick.

### FREE STATE SOON TO MOVE FOR RECOGNITION BY U. S.

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DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—The Irish Free Government is at present concerned with the establishment of its foreign relations, particularly in respect to the United States.

Although arrangements are still purely tentative, it is likely that Prof. Timothy A. Smiddy, now a representative of the Free State in the United States, will act at Washington in an official capacity.

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU.

### POLISH MOVIE STAR WHO'LL WED CHAPLIN EARLY IN JANUARY



### CHAPLIN AND NEGRI TO BE WED RIGHT AFTER NEW YEAR'S

European Star Gets Her Divorce Then, and All Plans Are Set.

For the first time since the rumors of proposed marriage between Charles Chaplin and Pola Negri have been flooding Broadway, it became known to-day that the famous pair of motion picture players had really settled the date. The ceremony will, according to a person in close touch with their affairs and the workings of the Famous Players Lasky Corporation, take place during the first fortnight in January.

It also became known to-day that both the famous stars had recently gone into a secret seclusion with Jesse L. Lasky, Vice President of Famous Players, in regard to their intentions. It has been stated emphatically that Pola Negri has been given her divorce papers abroad, and she claims to have her freedom on an interlocutory decree which, it is stated, terminates on Jan. 1. This leaves her, according to her claims, free to marry Chaplin any time after that.

At the New York offices of Famous Players the proposition was put squarely up to the publicity department. No one in authority would deny that such a three-cornered meeting had been held between Negri, Chaplin and Lasky. But it was emphatically announced that the pair had not wed as yet.

### PRIZE CHIMPANZEE OF ZOO A MOTHER

**Healthy Looking Specimen.**

Suzette, the prize chimpanzee at the Bronx Zoo, became a mother for the third time yesterday. Bona is the father.

Suzette has not fed her offspring, which is said by Zoo officials to be a healthy looking specimen. Dr. W. R. Rigg, a veterinarian stationed at the park, said to give milk to the baby chimpanzee, but whenever he approached Suzette backed into a corner with bared teeth and held her young closely.

### S. B. WOOLWORTH III IS IN HIS LONDON HOME

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The condition of S. B. Woolworth, head of a chain store organization in the United States, is still causing alarm. He has been critically ill at his home in London for several days.

His wife and son are with him.

### FLAMES DESTROY ENTIRE BLOCK OF BRONX BREWERY

**Residents in Panic as Smoke Darkens Sky in Three-Alarm Fire.**

BAR FIXTURES BURN.

Firemen Fight to Keep Blaze From Tanks of Ammonia.

A fire which started at 10.20 o'clock to-day in the stable, garage and storehouse of the Elting Brewery on St. Ann's Avenue, between 156th and 157th Streets, practically destroyed three buildings of the plant in that block and threatened the brewery property on the two blocks to the south.

Alexander Graessinger, assistant foreman of the stable, found the fire in the hayloft over the stables and rang the alarm system which connects all the buildings of the big plant and gave the alarm to the city fire department, while Policeman John Taggart telephoned to Police Headquarters.

Foreman Henry Mailhof gathered his men together, led out the seven horses from the stable and just managed to get the twenty electric trucks into the street.

As soon as Acting Deputy Chief Samuel Callan arrived he noted the way in which the wind was driving the flames in sheets toward the syrup house and other buildings on the Eagle Avenue side of the block, and sent in a second alarm and a third alarm. Before the additional firemen and Chief Kenyon arrived the syrup house was in flames.

The brewing materials generated a very heavy smoke which made the block as dark as night and worked even against the wind all through the neighborhood, frightening householders a half mile away.

Reserves from the Simpson Street, Morrisania and Alexander Avenue Stations were hurried to the scene and under direction of Inspector Ryan surrounded the block and went from house to house on Eagle and St. Ann's Avenues, reassuring the tenants and telling them there was no danger that the fire would spread outside of the brewery. Some of the frame houses on Eagle Avenue were sprayed at intervals to make certain they would not kindle from the heat across the street.

A squad of policemen was sent to Public School No. 35, at St. Ann's Avenue and 156th Street, in anticipation of a panic there. School work was suspended and teachers and scholars crowded the windows, watching the battle between the firemen and the flames. As an emergency measure, ambulances were sent from Fordham and Lincoln Hospitals, but there were no casualties.

At 11.30 o'clock Chief Kenyon said he was certain of keeping the fire in the block in which it started. One engine was kept pumping water in a fast spray over the refrigerating plant to make sure that no stray spark would start a fire there.

### SEEK EX-GOVERNOR IN RUSSELL CASE

**Billo Wanted as Witness, Can't Be Found—Trial's End Near.**

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 11.—With or without the testimony of Theodore G. Billo, former Governor of Mississippi, and that of Major William Perry, the presentation of evidence in the \$100,000 damage suit of Miss Emma C. Birkhead against Gov. Len M. Russell is expected to be closed to-day.

The case was postponed Sunday until this morning because of Mr. Billo's failure to appear. Judge Holmes denied an attachment for the former Chief Executive of the State and instructed the United States Marshal to bring him into the court today. Major Perry, the other witness, whose story is wanted by the attorneys for the plaintiff in rebuttal to the evidence offered by Gov. Russell, was detained at home because of illness in his family. Arguments are expected to start to-day and the case probably will go to the jury to-morrow.

### FIRE IN LEXINGTON SUBWAY STARTS PANIC IN RUSH HOUR: MANY WALK TRACKS TO EXITS

### ERIE FAST TRAIN JUMPS TRACK AT SWITCH; ONE DEAD

**Fireman Steurer Crushed Under Engine; No Passengers Seriously Injured.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The Buffalo and Cleveland Express of the Erie Railroad was wrecked at Tusten, thirty-three miles west of this city, just before midnight last night. Fireman A. L. Steurer was instantly killed. Daniel F. Regan, the engineer, was taken from under the engine with his leg broken and cuts and bruises all over his body.

The train was moving at forty miles an hour when the flange of a drive wheel struck the point of a frog of a switch, throwing the after part of the locomotive and the tender off the rails.

The locomotive and the tender separated and the locomotive continued for fifty yards, bumping the ties until it went down the embankment and turned over in the swamps through which the Erie runs for miles in that region.

The solid steel train, baggage car, four express cars, two mail cars, two coaches, three sleepers and dining cars, followed the derailed tender off the rails, tearing up the right of way, until only the dining car was left on the tracks.

Passengers were thrown from their berths as the train jolted and swayed on the ties, but the steel construction prevented telescoping and held the cars upright, though at times conductor Col. John Ellsworth Everett said he feared the whole train would turn over into the half frozen mud of the swamp.

A wrecking train with doctors and nurses and a hospital car were sent from Port Jervis, which is a division point, and a second wrecking train from Jersey City arrived at 4.30. Many of the passengers required attention for cuts and bruises and hysteria. All of them were badly injured, but there were no serious injuries discovered among them. About twenty passengers were brought back to Port Jervis with the dead fireman and the injured engineer and were cared for in the Port Jervis Hospital. All of them will be able to continue their journey to-day, according to the surgeons at the hospital.

The fireman was a resident of Port Jervis, as are Regan and Everett. The train sent out from Jersey City carried sleepers, coaches and a baggage car and was used to carry the unhurt or slightly hurt passengers of the wrecked train to their destinations, running about four hours behind the regular schedule of Train No. 5.

### ENGLAND TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS

**Commons Told of Program by Prime Minister Bonar Law.**

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Associated Press).—Prime Minister Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government had decided to begin the construction of the two new battleships allowed under the Washington Naval Treaty.

### MANHATTAN WOMAN DIES IN BROOKLYN SUBWAY

Mrs. Becky Luke, sixty-five years old, of No. 647 East Ninth Street, Manhattan, was taken ill in the Fourth Avenue subway in Brooklyn last night. She was carried from the train at the Pacific Street station and died before the arrival of Dr. Sholed of the Holy Family Hospital. Her disease is believed to have been a heart attack.

Police, Guards and Cool-Headed Passengers Quell Hysterical Rush to Street With Much Difficulty.

Dead Motor in Seventh Avenue Underground Causes Tie-Up—Many Trampled in Congestion at 72d Street.

Fire on a crowded Lexington Avenue subway express train at 91st Street at 8.25 o'clock this morning started a panic, which was quelled with difficulty by guards, police reserves and cool-headed passengers who knew the excitement itself was more dangerous than the blaze and smoke.

Within a short time after the stopping of the train many of the passengers had been helped to the street by way of the emergency exits, many others had walked beside the track to the station at 86th Street, and then the train itself was pulled into the station.

A short circuit started the fire under the fourth car of the train, which filled with smoke. A minute or two later some one who knew the emergency exit had reached the street and turned in a fire alarm.

Capt. Joseph Loonan of the East 104th Street Police Station came to the scene with a squad of reserves, who descended into the tunnel and helped some of the more excited passengers to the street. Power was shut off, so that passengers along the track were not in danger from the third rail, and train guards with extinguishers soon had the fire out. The damage was slight.

The police have no report that anybody was injured, but one girl, Violet Hallen, No. 108 East 129th Street, after walking with apparent calmness to the 86th Street Station, proceeded to faint as soon as she reached that safe place. She was taken to the Reception Hospital but it was said her condition was not serious.

One Negro, Henry Spencer, No. 55 West 159th Street, was also treated by an ambulance surgeon. The only trouble with him, however, was hysteria.

The police say the conduct of most of the passengers was admirable and they add that "education" ought to get the credit. Most New Yorkers now know, the police said, that fires such as this one are not nearly so dangerous as passengers used to think them.

The damaged train was delayed about twenty minutes, and of course all the express trains north of it on the same track were held back.

Local trains on the Lexington Avenue line travel in separate tubes on a higher level than the express, hence there was no disturbance of local traffic.

There was a delay and a crush of passengers on the West Side subway line this morning when one of the motors on a south bound express went "dead," slowing up the train. It was stopped at 72d Street and all passengers were ordered out, thus lightening it so that it could be sent quickly through to its Brooklyn destination.

But it meant that the next express train, already crowded, was stalled at 72d Street by the normal crowd and a whole trainload of the stranded. The congestion was so great that many passengers were ordered out, but no serious injuries were reported. Several minor accidents were reported a little later and were adjusted.